

**Election**

Applicant elects the Group II invention including claims 3 and 4 for further examination. This election is without traverse.

**Remarks/Arguments**

Claims 3 and 4 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled.

As noted above, the Group II invention including claims 3 and 4 has been elected for prosecution on the merits in the present application. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to file a divisional application for canceled claims 1 and 2.

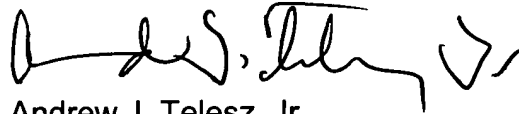
Favorable consideration and early allowance of the present application are earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (703) 715-0870 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0238 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

VOLENTINE FRANCO & WHITT, P.L.L.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew J. Telesz, Jr.", followed by a checkmark-like flourish.

Andrew J. Telesz, Jr.  
Registration No. 33,581

One Freedom Square  
11951 Freedom Drive, Suite 1260  
Reston, VA 20190  
Telephone No.: (571) 283-0720  
Facsimile No.: (571) 283-0740